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I was called to jury duty when my youngest son was an exclusive breastfed infant in Bozeman several years ago. I arranged childcare at my expense and planned on pumping with my breast pump in my car outside the courthouse. Not knowing the courthouse layout with the possibility of a lactation room this arrangement was not ideal for any mother. I knew I needed more support in Montana to provide the best nutritional start for my child. I was selected for the jury on a one day trial. The court case had an hour lunch break allowing me to rush to feed my infant without the difficulty of pumping breast milk for a later feeding in my car. All that needless anxiety and worry for not having accommodations for breastfeeding mothers when summoned to jury duty in Montana.

Mothers that are summoned to serve jury duty in Montana should not have to rest fate in the hands of a jury clerk or judge. Mothers of Montana breastfeeding their infants need to have House Bill 372 passed to focus their priority to their young child and be assured that jury duty be deferred or postponed.

I do feel it is important for United States citizens and Montana residents to answer juror summons. This bill is asking for necessary accommodation to breastfeeding mothers for a short period of time.